



## Alert Rockville Offers New and Better Ways to Receive Emergency Notifications *City Encourages Public to Sign Up*

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The upgrade enhances Alert Rockville's capabilities, including adding voice alerts by telephone

and location-specific information that is targeted to particular communities. Subscribers can choose up to five locations for which to receive alerts, including home, work, and school, and can prioritize how they would like to be alerted, including by home or mobile phone, text, email or the new Mobile Member app. The service is free. Standard text messaging rates apply for mobile devices.

Contact information for current Alert Rockville subscribers has been moved to the new system. However, subscribers must create a new account in order to update their contact information, add locations or reset how they prefer to receive alerts.

For more information or to create a new account, visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/alerts](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/alerts) or call 240-314-8192. ✚

## Remember Our Nation's Heroes on Veterans Day

Join Rockville's Mayor and Council at the City's Veterans Day ceremony, honoring the men and women who have served in the nation's armed forces, at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 11.

The ceremony, free and open to the public, will be held in Veterans Park, at the intersection of Rockville Pike and Veirs Mill Road/Route 28. A reception will follow at American Legion Post 86, 2013 Veirs Mill Road.

This year's keynote speaker is retired Army Col. Louis J. Brune III, a Rockville



**National Veterans Day is Nov. 11.**

resident.

American Legion Post 86 will lead a wreath laying ceremony and their Honor Guard will present a 21-gun salute.

Parking is available at Sandy Spring Bank, at 611 Rockville Pike.

Learn more at [www.rockvillemd.gov/veteransday](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/veteransday) or by calling 240-314-8620. ✚

## City Hall, Other Facilities to Close Several Days this Month

Rockville City Hall will be closed on four weekdays in November and other City facilities will be closed or will operate on limited schedules. The closures are as follows:

- **Nov. 4 (Election Day) and Nov. 11 (Veterans Day):**
  - City Hall, Rockville Senior Center, Glenview Mansion and the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre box office are closed.
  - Recycling and refuse collected as normal.
- **Nov. 27 (Thanksgiving Day) and Nov. 28:**
  - City Hall, Rockville Senior Center, Glenview Mansion and the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre box office are closed.
  - Recycling and refuse collections normally collected on Nov. 27 will be collected on Friday, Nov. 28.
- **These facilities will be closed Thanksgiving Day and open on Nov. 28:**
  - Croydon Creek Nature Center (10 a.m.-2 p.m.); Lincoln Park, Thomas Farm and Twinbrook community centers (10 a.m.-6 p.m.); the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center north pool (6 a.m.-9 p.m.; south pool closed).

For more information on the recycling and refuse collection schedule, visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/recycling-refuse](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/recycling-refuse), or call 240-314-8568.

For more information on facility hours, visit [www.rockvillemd.gov](http://www.rockvillemd.gov) or call 240-314-5000. ✚

## Mayor and Council Consider Water and Sewer Rates *Public Hearing Set for Nov. 10*

A comprehensive study of Rockville's water and sewer funds, rates and rate structures seeks to meet the Mayor and Council's goal of sustainable rates that support the City's water and sewer infrastructure.

City of Rockville water and sewer customers will have several opportunities in the coming weeks to comment on the study, which recommends water and sewer rate structure changes and increases over the next six fiscal years. The financial health of the City's water and sewer funds is one of the most significant financial issues facing the City. The Mayor and Council plan to address these issues before undertaking work on the Fiscal Year 2016 budget.

The City last performed a water and sewer rate study in Fiscal Year 2007. Since then, several factors

have contributed to a \$13.1 million deficit in the water fund and an \$8.3 million deficit in the sewer fund, including repairs to a break in the City's main water trunk line and upgrades to the water and sewer systems to address aging infrastructure and to comply with federal environmental regulations. In addition, demand for water has decreased due to conservation of water as a precious resource.

The Mayor and Council received a briefing on the rate study from the City's consultant on Monday, Oct. 13.

In keeping with the City's adopted financial management policies, water and sewer operations are accounted for as enterprise funds, meaning users are expected to cover the cost of the services.

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## Rockville Leaders Consider Changes to Animal Control Rules

The Mayor and Council began a discussion of proposed changes to Rockville's Animal Control rules that may impact pet owners this fall, and continued to gather feedback from the public late last month.

The changes would mandate, among other things:

- Cat and ferret licensing.
- New dog tethering and shelter requirements.
- Allowing specific types of livestock, such as chickens, on residential lots.
- Introducing the trap/neuter/return approach to feral cat population control.

The Mayor and Council discussed the proposed changes at their meeting on Oct. 13, which



**These students asked the Mayor and Council to allow backyard chickens in Rockville.**

is available to view on demand at [www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville11](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville11). Councilmember Julie Palakovich Carr held a town hall meeting on the topic on Oct. 21. A public hearing is expected to be scheduled later this fall.

For more information, view the staff report attached to the Oct. 13 Mayor and Council agenda at [www.rockvillemd.gov/agendacenter](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/agendacenter). ✚

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## PROJECTS AND THE PROCESS



Conceptual townhouse elevations.

### King Farm Townhouses Proposed

The Planning Commission will consider two site plan applications for the construction of 129 townhouses at the west end of King Farm Boulevard (900 and 901 King Farm Blvd.). The two lots were initially set aside for office buildings under the original King Farm planned development, but are now proposed as four-story townhouses, consistent with a resolution approved by the Mayor and Council in September 2013.

### Know the Process, Stay Informed

The Rockville community is encouraged to take part in decisions about development projects in the city. Below are a few ways to stay informed about the process:

- Check the latest applications at [www.rockvillemd.gov/developmentwatch](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/developmentwatch) for status updates on projects in your neighborhood and throughout Rockville.
- Attend an area meeting led by project applicants to provide input on certain projects before consideration by City boards or commissions.
- Find meeting schedules, agendas and information packets for the Mayor and Council and all City boards and commissions at [www.rockvillemd.gov/agendacenter](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/agendacenter).
- Call 240-314-8200 to find out about specific projects in your area.

### Engage Rockville

As part of the outreach and input to the city's 2002 Comprehensive Master Plan update, an online civic engagement website, Engage Rockville, was established to accept input on a wide range of topics related to the quality of life and City services in Rockville today and into the future.

Engage Rockville allows the Rockville community and visitors to participate in an online conversation to generate ideas, gather feedback and measure the community's views on a vision for Rockville's future. Contributors sign up to add ideas, photos and videos and are able to comment on other members' comments as they would in a face-to-face meeting.

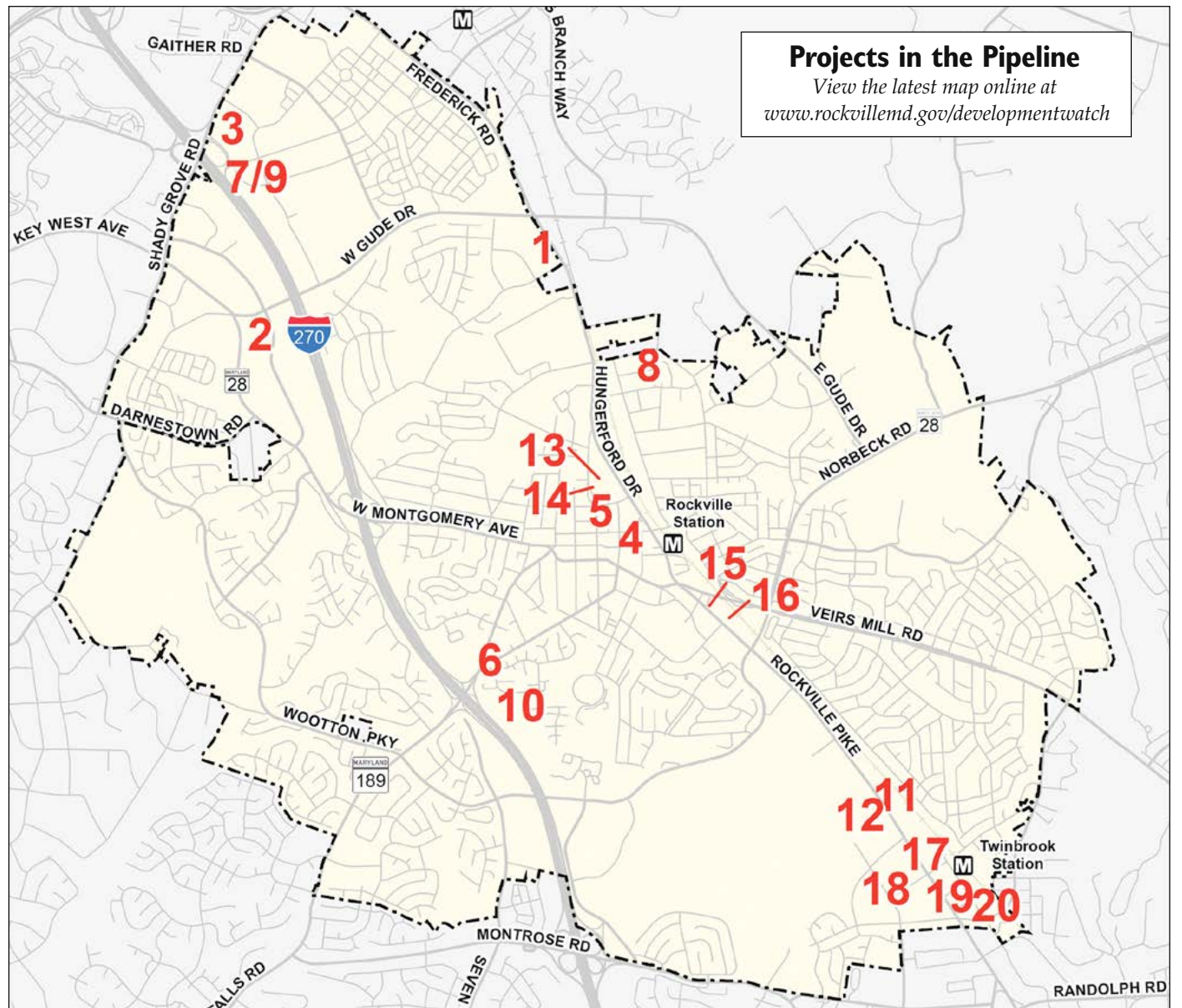
You can comment this month on these questions:

- What features in Rockville are important to preserve for their historical, architectural or cultural significance?
- Are the 2002 Master Plan Principles still relevant?

Visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/engage](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/engage) to sign up for a free account. New topics are introduced periodically, so be sure to check back regularly.

You can also follow the master plan update at [www.rockvillemd.gov/masterplan](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/masterplan) or call Community Planning and Development Services at 240-314-8200.

# Development Watch



### Projects in the Pipeline

View the latest map online at [www.rockvillemd.gov/developmentwatch](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/developmentwatch)

## Major Development Review Applications

### Pre-Application Submittals

The following applications have been recently submitted to the City for pre-application review:

1. **15190 Frederick Road (M&T Bank):** Proposed development of a walk-in bank with drive-through. File # PAM2015-00077
2. **Research Boulevard and Gude Drive (Key West Center at Falls Grove):** Proposed development of two medical office buildings and ancillary retail uses at the corner of Research Boulevard and Gude Drive. File # PAM2014-00069

### Applications Under Review

The following applications are currently in the development review process:

3. **5 Choke Cherry Road (Upper Rock District):** Project plan amendment to allow for the development of 34,700 square feet of retail space on Blocks B, C and D of the Upper Rock District. File # PJT2014-00004
4. **198 E. Montgomery Ave. (Duball Rockville):** Project plan application for an amendment to PDP1994-0001E to allow for the addition of 178 dwelling units to Block 2 and application of a currently approved non-residential parking waiver to the residential uses. File # PJT2014-00003
5. **255 North Washington St. (Rockville Town Center, LLC):** Site plan application for a proposed development of a mixed-use building with 275 dwelling units and approximately 6,000 square feet of street level commercial. File # STP2014-00214
6. **626 and 628 Great Falls Road (Chinese Jehovah's Witnesses):** Proposed development of a new place of worship. File # STP2012-00114
7. **900 King Farm Blvd. (King Farm F6):** Proposed development of 53 residential townhouses. File # STP2014-00217
8. **900 Westmore Ave. (Church of God Iglesia de Dios of Rockville):** Proposed demolition of an existing church, construction of a new church with additional on-site parking and pedestrian paths. File # STP2014-00193
9. **901 King Farm Blvd. (King Farm F5):** Proposed development of 76 residential townhouses. File # STP2014-00216
10. **1235 Potomac Valley Road (Potomac Valley Nursing Home):** Proposed site modifications, including expansion of on-site parking. File # STP2013-00164.
11. **1450 Rockville Pike (BMW of Rockville):** Proposed consolidation and expansion of the service facility and structured

parking. File # STP2013-00165

12. **1451 Rockville Pike (office building):** Proposed site plan amendment to add retail and office to the ground floor of an existing office building. File # STP2014-00209

### Recently Approved Applications

The following major applications and development projects were recently approved by the designated approving authority and are currently, or soon-to-be, under construction:

13. **275 N. Washington St. (former Giant Site):** Level 1 site plan for a two-story building with a bank, office and retail use. Approved June 21, 2013. File # STP2013-00145
14. **285 North Washington St. (Brightview Rockville Town Square):** Site plan application for a 195-unit rental community for independent senior living and assisted living with street-level retail. Approved July 23, 2014. File # STP2014-00189
15. **702 Rockville Pike (Enterprise Rent-a-Car):** Change of use to an existing building for a rental car facility and development of a 1,356 square foot carwash to be located behind the rental facility. Approved July 23, 2014. File # STP2014-00184
16. **718 Rockville Pike (Patient First Medical Center):** Major site plan amendment for a new medical office building and change of use to an existing building on-site to allow restaurant use. Approved Sept. 11, 2013. File # STP2013-00162
17. **1592 Rockville Pike (Twinbrook Metroplace):** Project plan for a new mixed-use development with office, retail, restaurant and health club uses, a 200-room hotel and 792 multi-family residential units and site application for phase I of the approved project plan for Twinbrook Metroplace. Approved April 16, 2012 and March 13, 2013. File # PJT2012-00002 and STP2013-00140
18. **1626 East Jefferson St. (Crest II):** Site plan for a multi-family development. Approved Aug. 6, 2014. File # STP2014-00196
19. **1800 Rockville Pike (Twinbrook West):** Site plan for a new mixed-use development comprised of 100,000 square feet of retail and restaurant use and 356 multi-family residential units. Approved March 28, 2012. File # STP2012-00101
20. **1900 Chapman Ave. (former Syms site):** A mixed-use development with 667 multi-family residential units and approximately 5,000 square feet of non-residential use. Approved Aug. 2012. File # STP2012-00112

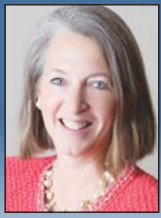
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[www.rockvillemd.gov/engage](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/engage)



# Mayor & Council



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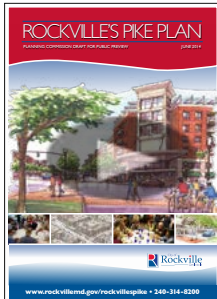


Councilmember  
Virginia D. Onley



Councilmember  
Julie Palakovich Carr

## Hearings on 'Rockville's Pike Plan' Continue into December



The draft of "Rockville's Pike Plan" sets goals for making a 2-mile corridor of Rockville Pike more inviting to residents, workers, shoppers, pedestrians, bicyclists and transit riders and for adding parks and increasing open space.

The public can comment on the draft plan at public hearings during the Mayor and Council meetings on Monday, Nov. 17 and Monday, Dec. 8. The meetings begin at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave.

In addition, a walking tour of the Pike will be Saturday, Nov. 1 and is open to the public. Attendees should meet at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., at 10 a.m. for a bus ride to the Pike.

"Rockville's Pike Plan" establishes policies for land use, transportation, parks and other key topics along the Pike corridor between Richard Montgomery Drive and the City's southern bor-

der, just north of Bou Avenue.

This is the first update of a plan for this area since 1989.

The plan seeks to ensure that there is a mix of residential and non-residential uses along the corridor, that existing residential neighborhoods are protected and that the Pike retains and attracts local and national retail to enhance the corridor's economic viability.

To read the plan, visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/rockvillespike](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/rockvillespike).

Hard copies are available for review at City Hall, the Rockville and Twinbrook libraries, and at Rockville community centers.

The public record for written comments on the plan is open. Testimony may be sent to the Mayor and Council at [cityclerk@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:cityclerk@rockvillemd.gov), or by mail to the City Clerk's Office, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850. ❖

## County Forming Committees to Advise on Bus Rapid Transit Project

Montgomery County is establishing advisory committees to help guide the planning and design of bus rapid transit (BRT) corridors.

A master plan amendment adopted by the Montgomery County Council last November identified various corridors that may be improved with high capacity BRT service to enhance mobility throughout the county. In its adoption of the master plan, the Council also called for the formation of advisory committees for each of the corridors.

In Rockville, advisory committees are being created for Veirs Mill Road, MD 355 from Rockville Town Center continuing north, and MD 355 from Town Center continuing south. The county is encouraging self-nominations through Nov. 21 from two broad categories of representation:

- Direct corridor representatives, which includes those communities and areas adjacent to or within 150 feet of the corridor. In this category, each civic, home-

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Public Works repaired a large water main break on Oct. 15.

## Water and Sewer Rates *continued from pg. 1...*

The vast majority of the cost of providing water and sewer operations is fixed and is not related to usage. However, the City rate structure relies heavily on revenue from usage.

Without substantial changes to the rate structure, and moderate rate increases, the water and sewer funds will continue to run deficits.

The fund deficits are being covered by loans from the City's general fund. Moody's Investor Services, a bond rating agency, has expressed concern about these deficits. If the City's bond rating were lowered, the City would not be able to continue to borrow money at the most favorable rates.

The Mayor and Council will hold a public hearing on the water and sewer rates on Monday, Nov. 10 and will discuss the rates and rate structure on Nov. 24. The public is also invited to provide written comments via email to [mayor-council@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:mayor-council@rockvillemd.gov).

Action taken by the Mayor and Council would impact the water and sewer rates for FY16, FY17 and FY18. The fiscal year begins July 1.

To view the Oct. 13 briefing, visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/agendacenter](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/agendacenter) and select the television icon next to the meeting date. Read the consultant's presentation at [www.rockvillemd.gov/finance](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/finance). ❖

## City Leaders Convene Group to Study Clerk Position

The Mayor and Council recently created a work group to study the city clerk position, which was vacated in August.

The City Clerk Work Group, an 11-member body comprised of former elected officials, city clerks and the chair of the Board of Supervisors of Elections, is expected to report to the Mayor and Council by mid-December. The Mayor and Council asked the group to answer the following questions and provide pros and cons for each:

- Should Rockville have a city clerk or a different type of administra-

tor with the current clerk responsibilities?

- To whom should the city clerk report?
- To whom should the city clerk's staff report?
- Who should hire and fire the city clerk?

The city clerk maintains up-to-date records for the City, provides administrative and clerical support for the Mayor and Council, administers City elections and provides staff support for the Board of Supervisors of Elections and the Compensation Commission.

The City Clerk Work Group was expected to convene by the end of October. ❖

## MEETINGS & DROP IN SCHEDULE

All general sessions, worksessions and public hearings are televised on Rockville channel 11 and are available on streaming video at [www.rockvillemd.gov](http://www.rockvillemd.gov). Residents may comment on any subject for up to three minutes during the "Community Forum" portion at most meetings. Meetings are at 7 p.m. and are subject to change.

- Nov. 3 (Monday)
- Nov. 10 (Monday)
- Nov. 17 (Monday)
- Nov. 24 (Monday)

The mayor and one councilmember are available to meet with residents for drop-in discussions from 5:30-6:30 p.m. one Monday per month in the Mayor and Council office at City Hall. No appointment is necessary, but a call to the City Clerk's office at 240-314-8280 is appreciated. Along with Mayor Newton, the councilmember scheduled this month is Julie Palakovich Carr on Nov. 10.

## IN BRIEF

### Rockville's Mayor and Council to Receive Budget Preview This Month

*Public to Get First Look at Fiscal Year 2016 Plan*

City leaders will receive a Fiscal Year 2016 budget preview from City staff during the Mayor and Council meeting on Monday, Nov. 17.

The preview will focus on general fund revenues and expenditures, enterprise funds and related utility rate changes, and special revenue funds for FY16. (See the article about the City's utility rate study on page 1.)

Information in the preview, while preliminary, provides the framework for staff to begin to develop the budget for FY16, which begins July 1. Staff will return to the Mayor and Council in January with revenue and expenditure updates and will ask the Mayor and Council for further policy guidance in order to prepare the budget.

City Manager Barb Matthews will present her budget proposal in March. It will include rates for property taxes, water, sewer, refuse and stormwater management.

Rockville's FY15 operating budget is \$118 million. Find the City's operating and capital budget at [www.rockvillemd.gov/budget](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/budget).

Watch the budget preview during the Mayor and Council meeting at 7 p.m. on Nov. 17:

- In person, at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave.
- On Rockville 11 (cable channel 11).
- Live streaming or on demand at [www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville11](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville11).

The City will invite public input on the city manager's proposed budget at hearings that begin in March, or by email to [mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov).

The Mayor and Council are expected to adopt the FY16 budget in May.

For more information, visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/budget](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/budget) or call the Finance Department at 240-314-8400.

## Nominate a Neighbor for a Human Rights Award



The Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Award will honor a Rockville high school student for helping advance the goals and dreams of Dr. King.

The F. Michael Taff Award will honor an individual, business or organization from Rockville for contributing to improving the lives of people with disabilities.

Winners will be recognized at Rockville's Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration on Monday, Jan. 19.

Nominations will be accepted through Wednesday, Dec. 3. The award program is sponsored by the City's Human Rights Commission.

Find nomination forms and more information at [www.rockvillemd.gov/mlk](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/mlk).





## Help Your Flying Friends with Seeds on Sale at Croydon Creek

Pre-Orders Due Dec. 1; Pickup is Dec. 13

Feeding wildlife helps animals and provides a source of enjoyment to those who appreciate nature during the cold winter months. Croydon Creek Nature Center is taking orders for seeds until Dec. 1. Orders will be available for pickup on Saturday, Dec. 13 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Order forms are available at the center, at 852 Avery Road, or online at [www.rockvillemd.gov/croydoncreek](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/croydoncreek). The center is open Tuesday-Saturday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday from 1-5 p.m. It is closed on Mondays.

For more information, call 240-314-8770 or email [ccnc@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:ccnc@rockvillemd.gov).

## November is Recycling Awareness Month

Nov. 15 is "America Recycles Day."

The City of Rockville makes it easy to recycle with single-stream recycling, which allows for all recyclables to be placed in the same recycling cart.

While most people think first of recycling newspapers, bottles, cans and cardboard, many other items can also be included in City recycling bins:

- Empty aerosol cans.
- Soft plastics, including shrink wrap, bubble wrap, newspaper sleeves and retail bags (place these materials in single plastic bag, securing it with a knot).
- Rigid plastics, including toys, buckets, flower pots, laundry baskets and clothes hangers.
- Wax-coated milk and juice boxes, all junk mail (including those with plastic windows), catalogs and pizza boxes with minor grease.

Visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/recycling-refuse](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/recycling-refuse) for a complete list of materials the City accepts for recycling, and how-to videos.

Contact the City's Recycling and Refuse Office at 240-314-8568 or [refuse@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:refuse@rockvillemd.gov) to start service; get a larger recycling cart; schedule a special pickup of scrap metal recycling, electronics recycling, hazardous household waste or bulk refuse; report a missed collection; verify collection schedules; or ask a question about the program.

For more information on America Recycles Day visit [americarecyclesday.org](http://americarecyclesday.org).

## Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 4

Voters will elect representatives to county, state and federal office on Tuesday, Nov. 4.

To view a sample ballot online, or find your polling place, visit [www.777vote.org](http://www.777vote.org) or the Montgomery County Board of Elections' mobile-friendly website at [m.montgomerycountymd.gov/elections](http://m.montgomerycountymd.gov/elections).

For more information:

- Call 240-777-VOTE.
- Visit [www.777vote.org](http://www.777vote.org) or [m.montgomerycountymd.gov/elections](http://m.montgomerycountymd.gov/elections) (mobile).
- Visit the Maryland State Board of Elections at <http://elections.state.md.us>
- Follow the Montgomery County Board of Elections on Facebook or MontgomeryMDVotes on Twitter @777Vote.

Rockville City Hall will be closed on Nov. 4. (See page 1 for other closures.)



## Construction Begins on Horizon Hill Project

Construction is under way on upgrades to three stormwater management ponds in the Horizon Hill Park Stream Valley.

Work was scheduled to begin at the end of October, with contractors staking out the construction area and installing tree protection fencing throughout the park. Tree removal and excavation will begin in early November, weather permitting.

Construction will occur throughout the park. The park west of North Commons Way, including the playground at Sunrise Drive and the basketball court at Fallsmead Way, will be closed during construction. The network of paths from North Commons Way to Wootton Parkway will remain open. There will be temporary closures of the path between Pebble Ridge Court and Glastonberry Road during construction hours. The playgrounds at Fallsmead Way and Longhill Drive will not be affected.

The \$3.5 million project aims to improve stormwater management for almost the entire 165-acre drainage area adjacent Wootton Parkway at South Fallsmead Way. It will convert the park's upper and lower dry ponds to wet ponds with permanent, year-round water surfaces and widen and stabilize portions of the stream connecting the middle and lower ponds.

This project was recommended in the 2001 Watts Branch Watershed Study as a crucial component to the long-term health of the watershed. The project is expected to be completed in September 2015.

Future park improvements include path widening and the installation of rubberized playground surfaces, fitness equipment and a pergola.

For more information, visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/horizonhillswm](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/horizonhillswm) or contact Gabe Kosarek at [gkosarek@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:gkosarek@rockvillemd.gov) or 240-314-8513. ✚

## City Planners Kick Off Master Plan Update

*'Listening Sessions' will Gather Community Feedback this Winter*

In preparation for an update of the City's Comprehensive Master Plan, City staff will host "listening sessions" at neighborhood meetings throughout Rockville in the coming months to gather information from the community.

The Comprehensive Master Plan, which is being updated for the first time since 2002, will describe the broad vision for the City's future over the next 20 years. It is the core philosophy that guides development, conservation and City infrastructure projects to improve the quality of life in Rockville.

At the listening sessions, City staff will invite community members to share issues and

concerns important to the future of their neighborhoods and to the city as a whole. Ideas will be collected on a form at the sessions.

Meeting dates will be posted at [www.rockvillemd.gov/masterplan](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/masterplan), on the City's Facebook page, in future editions of "Rockville Reports" and on Rockville 11 (cable channel 11).

Community members are encouraged to attend meetings in their neighborhood, but are welcome to attend other sessions if dates are more convenient.

For more information, visit the Web page above or contact Ann Wallas at [awallas@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:awallas@rockvillemd.gov) or 240-314-8205. ✚



One project is adding 2,300 linear feet of sidewalk, two storm drain systems, curb and gutter along Anderson Avenue.

## New Sidewalks Add to Pedestrian Safety

*Wootton Parkway and Anderson Avenue Projects Near Completion*

The City is nearing completion of two sidewalk projects that will further Rockville's goals to improve pedestrian safety and provide routes for non-motorized travel.

The first project added a sidewalk along Wootton Parkway, connecting the sidewalk across from McCormick Road to the sidewalk near Hurley Avenue.

The sidewalk is constructed of pervious concrete, which allows water to travel through voids in the concrete pavement and into the ground below, reducing stormwater runoff and recharging groundwater. The project was funded by Montgomery County impact tax revenue contributed by developers.

The second project – a sidewalk along Anderson Avenue between Mannakee Street and Forest Avenue – is expected to be completed at the end of November.

The Anderson Avenue project also includes resurfacing the roadway and installing two storm drain systems and curb and gutter on the road's northern side. The project is being paid for with speed camera revenue, funds from the asphalt maintenance budget and some developer funds.

Rockville community members may circulate a petition to have new sidewalks constructed. Any resident age 18 or older is eligible to sign the petition on behalf of his or her household. To be declared valid, the petition must be signed by at least 50 percent of the households on the street adjacent to the proposed sidewalk.

To learn about Rockville's sidewalk prioritization policy, a map of sidewalks prioritized for construction and forms for petitioning to have sidewalks constructed, go to [www.rockvillemd.gov/sidewalks](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/sidewalks). ✚



Officers from the Rockville City Police Department helped Rockville students get to school safely as part of International Walk to School Day on Oct. 8. The event involved communities from more than 40 countries walking and biking to school on the same day.



# News You Can Use

## Register for a Recreation Mini-Session to Stay Healthy During the Holidays

Looking for a short fitness commitment this holiday season? Check out Rockville's mini-sessions, offered for all ages.

Yoga fans will enjoy Yoga-Holiday De-Stress, Yoga for Kids and Yoga-lates on the Ball for seniors. Seniors have a variety of choices for mini-sessions at the Rockville Senior Center, including Strength Training, T'ai Chi Ch'uan-Beginner, Chair Exercise and more.

People age 16 and up can sign up for 20/20/20 Fitness and Total Body Blast, which begin the weeks of Nov. 24 (20/20/20) and Dec. 8 (Total Body). Power Sculpt and Circuit Step are open to ages 15 and up and begin the week of Dec. 1.

The Rockville Swim and Fitness Center's drop-in option offers a chance to get in a workout or two without having to sign up for a full session. Land fitness sessions run through Dec. 19. Water classes run through Dec. 19. Go to [www.rockvillemd.gov/swimcenter](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/swimcenter) to view the complete schedule.

Counteract Thanksgiving

indulgences by registering for the new Zumba Thanksgiving Burn-Off on Friday, Nov. 28 from 10:15-11:15 a.m. at Thomas Farm Community Center (open to ages 16 and up).

Registration for these programs is now open. Find details and course numbers in the Fall Recreation Guide at [www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation/guide](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation/guide). Hard copies are available at Rockville recreation centers and City Hall. Register via [rockenroll.rockvillemd.gov](http://rockenroll.rockvillemd.gov) or in person at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., or Rockville recreation centers.

If you've got a fitness resolution in mind for the New Year, check out the winter recreation guide, which will be online at the above link on Thursday, Nov. 13 and available at City Hall and recreation centers mid-month. Registration for programs that start the week of Jan. 5 opens on Tuesday, Dec. 9 (or Thursday, Dec. 4 for swim and senior center members).

Learn more at [www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation) or by calling 240-314-8620. ❖



Fit in a workout at recreation mini-sessions this season.

## Bus Rapid Transit Project Committees

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owners, condo and similar association will nominate their own representative to serve. Local Chambers of Commerce are nominating representatives of business, major employers and property owners along the corridor.

- At-large representatives,

including representatives of groups that may experience impacts from the project but are not located directly on the corridor. This may include residents, businesses, property owners, institutions and other groups that represent a larger group of constituents who are frequent users of the corridor, or will add diversity to



New signals use audible tones, voice instructions and vibrating push-button surfaces to communicate "walk" and "don't walk" messages.

## New Signals Add Safety to Intersections

Pedestrians will soon encounter new features on some Rockville traffic signals that will make crossing city streets safer for all.

Rockville's Traffic and Transportation Division is adding Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS) at 15 intersections. The pushbutton devices communicate the phases of the traffic signal, including "Walk" and "Don't Walk" messages, in non-visual formats. They use audible tones, voice instructions and vibrating pushbutton surfaces, making the signals more accessible to blind or low-vision pedestrians.

APS will be added at seven intersections in King Farm and at eight other intersections throughout the city.

The King Farm intersections are:

- West Gude Drive and Gaither Road.
- West Gude Drive and Watkins Pond Boulevard.
- Gude and Piccard drives.
- Gaither Road and Piccard Drive.
- Redland Boulevard and Piccard Drive.
- King Farm Boulevard and Gaither Road.
- King Farm Boulevard and Pleasant Drive.

The other intersections are:

- Nelson Street/Martins

Lane and Mannakee Street.

- Park Road and N. Stonestreet Avenue.
- Park Road and S. Stonestreet Avenue.
- Seven Locks Road and Fortune Terrace.
- Wootton Parkway and Henslowe Drive.
- Wootton and Preserve parkways.
- Wootton Parkway and Tower Oaks Boulevard.
- Wootton Parkway and the Thomas S. Wootton High School entrance.

The King Farm signals are expected to be installed by Nov. 1 and are funded by developers. The others will be installed by March 1 and are funded primarily with revenue from the City's speed camera program.

These projects also include the installation of sidewalk ramps that meet standards outlined in the Americans with Disabilities Act and countdown signal heads that tell pedestrians how long before a signal will change.

Once the 15 signal projects are completed, Rockville will have completed 32 of 48 planned APS installations. The remaining projects will be scheduled in future fiscal years, pending the availability of funds. ❖

## INFO. AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

### Winterize Your Rain Barrel as the Temperature Drops

Rain barrel owners should winterize their barrel when temperatures are expected to fall below freezing for more than a few nights. Freezing can cause barrels to crack or deform.

Disconnect the rain barrel from the downspout, making sure to redirect the water flow away from your home. Store the barrel in an enclosed space like a garage, shed or basement.

Barrels may be stored outside, upside down so water doesn't freeze inside the barrel. Consider placing a brick or other heavy object on top of the barrel to keep the wind from blowing it over.

The RainScapes Rewards program puts money back into the pockets of residents who install rain barrels, plant trees, install conservation landscapes or remove pavement.

Learn how to earn money for improving the environment by contacting Shannon Philbin, the City's RainScapes coordinator, at 240-314-8877 or [sphilbin@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:sphilbin@rockvillemd.gov).



### Don't Celebrate Thanksgiving with Clogged Pipes

A Thanksgiving reminder: When your feast is finished, don't pour fats, oils and grease (FOG) down the kitchen sink. FOG poured down sinks solidifies when deposited into sewer lines, trapping solids and forming hard deposits that build up and eventually cause blockages and breaks in City pipes. Blockages and breaks can lead to sewer backups and leaking pipes, which can lead to costly damage to City infrastructure and private property.

Here are some tips to prevent sewer clogs and blockages:

- Avoid placing food that contains FOG in the garbage disposal.
- Scrape food and grease into the garbage before washing dishes.
- Use a paper towel or napkin to absorb cooking oil or grease before washing dishes.
- Pour FOG into an empty can, let it cool to solidify and dispose of it as refuse.

Questions? When in doubt, don't throw it out. Contact the City's Environmental Management Division at 240-314-8870.

### Commercial Energy Benchmarking Forum

Thursday, Nov. 6 at F. Scott Fitzgerald Theater, 603 Edmonston Drive.

- 8-8:30 a.m.: Networking and coffee.
- 8:30-10 a.m.: Presentation.

This free forum will introduce Montgomery County's new legislation which requires owners of certain non-residential buildings to benchmark and report energy usage.

Who should attend:

- Non-residential building owners and sole tenants of properties 50,000 square feet or larger.
- Nonprofits and associations that support the energy and/or building community.
- Local government officials.
- Energy efficiency service providers.
- Anyone interested in learning about the benchmarking law.

Learn more and register at [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DEP/Energy/benchmarking.html](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DEP/Energy/benchmarking.html).

The forum is hosted by the Montgomery County Branch of the United States Green Building Council-National Capital Region, Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection, Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce and the City of Rockville.

the committee. Applicants for an at-large position should apply directly to the county. More information, including the self-nomination form, is available at [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rts](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rts).

Committees are expected to be formed by January. Each will contain up to (but no more than) 40 representatives. They will meet quar-

terly as long as the corridor project is funded and active, though some may meet more frequently at first, depending upon issues before them.

For more information, contact Tom Pogue, Montgomery County Department of Transportation Community Relations, at 240-777-7155 or [rapid.transit@montgomery-countymd.gov](mailto:rapid.transit@montgomery-countymd.gov). ❖



## THINGS TO DO IN ROCKVILLE

### Fitzgerald Theatre Offers Diversity of Performances in November

Tickets for the following performances (unless otherwise noted below) can be purchased at [www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre) or at the box office from 2-7 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and two hours prior to every ticketed performance. For more information, call the box office at 240-314-8690.



#### Rockville Musical Theatre Presents 'Grease'

Fridays, Nov. 7 and 14 at 8 p.m.; Saturdays, Nov. 1, 8 and 15 at

8 p.m.; Sundays, Nov. 9 and 16 at 2 p.m.

This rollicking musical, set to a 1959 soundtrack, follows 10 teenage working-class greasers, cheerleaders and toughs as they deal with love, pregnancy, peer pressure and gang violence. Tickets are \$22 for adults; \$20 for seniors and students with ID.

#### Reel Rock 9 Presents 'Valley Uprising: Yosemite's Rock Climbing Revolution'

Thursday, Nov. 20 at 8 p.m. This independent film by rock climbing, daredevil, adrenaline junkies is centered on the outlaws who participated in the Yosemite's Rock Climbing Revolution. Earth Treks, a local business, will give away goodies and a rock-climbing adventurer will be live on stage sharing tales of adventure. Tickets are available at the box office or Earth Treks. Learn more at [www.reelrocktour.com/press](http://www.reelrocktour.com/press).

#### Heart of Maryland Chorus Presents 'We've Done Rockville... We're Goin' to Broadway'

Saturday, Nov. 22 at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$15. Learn more at [www.homchorus.org](http://www.homchorus.org).

#### Washington Balalaika Society Presents its Fall Performance

Saturday, Nov. 22 at 8 p.m. This concert will feature soloist Olga Orlovskaya. Advance purchase tickets are \$20 for adults; \$18 for seniors; \$15 for students; free for children under 12 (with adult). Tickets at the door are \$25.

#### Rockville Concert Band Presents 'Musik Deutschland'

Sunday, Nov. 23 at 3 p.m. No tickets required; a \$5 donation is suggested.

#### Hope Garden Children's Ballet Theatre Presents 'A Christmas Carol'

Saturday, Nov. 29 at 1:30 and 7 p.m. Experience the story of the world's favorite humbug through movement and emotion in this original ballet interpretation of Charles Dickens' timeless classic. Danced to the compelling music of Claude Debussy, this production will renew your love and wonder of the holidays.

Tickets are \$22 for adults; \$19 for seniors (60+) and youth (17 and younger) and can be purchased at [www.hgcbtstore.org](http://www.hgcbtstore.org).

# Arts & Entertainment

## Take In Nature Photography, Sculpture and More at Glenview Gallery this Month

*Application for 2016 Exhibitions Due Jan. 23*

Join us on Sunday, Nov. 2, from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at a free opening reception where you can meet the artists exhibiting works in November. The exhibition, which is open through Nov. 26, features the nature photography of Charles Weiss, (see photo at right), etchings and prints by Laura Chassy and sculpture by Lois Levitan.

At 2 p.m., during the reception, singer and pianist Kathleen McLaughlin will perform a free concert in the mansion's conservatory. She's known for playing a little bit of everything, with standards, blues, pop and more.

The gallery, located in the mansion at Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive, is wheelchair accessible. Open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. It is closed on City holidays.

### City Invites Artists to Apply for 2016 Exhibits

Glenview Mansion Art Gallery continues to showcase the finest artists in the region, and the process of selecting art for 2016 exhibitions is now underway.

#### Eligibility:

Open to all artists living and/or working in the greater metropolitan area of Washington, D.C. Note: Former Glenview Mansion Art Gallery exhibitors must wait two years before reapplying. (Gallery exhibitors in 2014 may apply in 2016 for opportunities in 2017.) Exhibitors from 2013 are eligible to apply for this round of entries.

#### Selection process:

All submissions will be reviewed by gallery staff and an esteemed jury panel of artists and art professionals. The panel



**Cardinal Ball by Charles Weiss.**

will select artists and create exhibits to be placed into the 2016 calendar schedule by the gallery director. Exhibitions may consist of more than one artist.

#### Important dates:

- Entries due by Jan. 23.
- Artist notification by March 20.

Find a full brochure of information, including terms for exhibiting, insurance information, application details and more, at [www.rockvillemd.gov/glenviewgallery](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/glenviewgallery).

For more information, contact Julie Farrell at [jfarrell@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:jfarrell@rockvillemd.gov) or 240-314-8682. ✚

## Special Events to Brighten Your Holiday Season

*Gear up for a festive season at these upcoming events:*

**Holiday Bazaar, presented by Rockville Seniors, Inc.** Saturday, Dec. 6; 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive. Get your pick of homemade crafts and baked goods, peruse the book selection, take part in a raffle. Learn more at [www.rockvillemd.gov/seniorcenter](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/seniorcenter) or 240-314-8800.

**"The Nutcracker" presented by the Rockville Civic Ballet at F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre.** Saturdays, Dec. 6 and 13 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Sundays, Dec. 7 and 14 at 2 p.m. \$17 adult; \$13 senior (60+) and youth (under 12). Purchase tickets at [www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre).

**Natural Holiday Crafts.** Sunday, Dec. 7; 10-10:45 a.m.

at Croydon Creek Nature Center, 852 Avery Road. Adult participation required for children under age 8. Register for course #48858 by Nov. 30. Cost is \$12 for Rockville residents/\$14 for non-residents. Learn more at [www.rockvillemd.gov/croydoncreek](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/croydoncreek) or 240-314-8770.

#### Holiday Open Houses at Glenview Mansion.

Sundays, Dec. 7, 14, 21 and 28; 1-4 p.m. Enjoy the mansion at its finest with Christmas trees and other spaces deco-

rated by 20 community organizations, with a theme of "All Living Things Great and Small." Live music is on tap for several open houses. Kids can visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus, take part in arts and crafts and do a scavenger hunt throughout the mansion at Children's Day on Dec. 14. Learn more at [www.rockvillemd.gov/glenview](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/glenview) or 240-314-8660.

Find more holiday-related events happening in December at [www.rockvillemd.gov/calendar](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/calendar). ✚

39TH ANNUAL

## Rockville 10K/5K



**Sunday, Nov. 2, 2014**

Road Closed: 8 a.m. • Race Begins: 8:30 a.m.  
Start/Finish: King Farm Village Center, Rockville, MD

NEW Late Registration and Packet Pick-up location:

#### SPORTS AUTHORITY

12055 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD • 301-231-8650  
Saturday, Nov. 1 - 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Race Day Morning, Nov. 2 - 7:30-8:15 a.m.  
(at King Farm Village Center)



## Community International Night

Lincoln Park Community Center  
**Friday, Nov. 14, 5-9 p.m.**

**FREE** **FREE**

**Share and learn about cultures representing Rockville neighborhoods.**

Costumes • Special Performances/Talents • Information Tables • Food Samples

**Call 240-314-8780 or email: [lpcc@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:lpcc@rockvillemd.gov)**

**Lincoln Park Community Center**  
357 Frederick Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850 • 240-314-8780  
[www.rockvillemd.gov/lpcc](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/lpcc) • [lpcc@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:lpcc@rockvillemd.gov)

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## FACILITIES ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS

- **Glenview Mansion Art Gallery** **GM**, Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive.
- **F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre** **FSF**, Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive.
- **Croydon Creek Nature Center** **CC**, Rockville Civic Center Park, 852 Avery Road. Note: Registration required, register online at [www.rockvillemd.gov](http://www.rockvillemd.gov) or call 240-314-8770.
- **Rockville Senior Center** **SR**, 1150 Carnation Drive. Call 240-314-8800.
- **Rockville City Hall** **CH**, 111 Maryland Ave. Call 240-314-5000.



Rockville offers a variety of classes and programs each season. Find something that interests you at [www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation/guide](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation/guide).

## 1,7-9,14-16

**“Grease” presented by Rockville Musical Theatre.** See article on page 6. **FSF**

## 1,8,15,22

**Rockville Farmers Market** Farm-fresh fruits and vegetables, bedding plants, cut flowers, preserves, honey, herbs, baked goods, and more. All items picked fresh daily and available as supplies last. Corner of Rt. 28 and Monroe St. 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

**2 Art Opening Reception and Free Concert** An exhibition of nature photography, etchings, aquatints and sculpture. Kathleen McLaughlin performs standards, pop and blues in the conservatory. 1:30-3:30 p.m. See article on page 6. **GM**

**4 Community Center Fun Daze** Looking for something for the kids to do when schools are closed? Thomas Farm Com-

# November Calendar

R = Residents • NR = Non Residents • MEM = Member • NM = Non Member

munity Center and Twinbrook Community Recreation Center are planning fun themed activities for when schools are closed on Election Day. Activities include games, sports, special activities and crafts. Wear play clothes and athletic shoes. Bring a lunch. \$40 R/\$45 NR. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Call 240-314-8620 for registration information.

**4 Nature Service Learning Day** Investigate a local environmental issue while earning three Student Service Learning hours. Dress for the weather and bring a lunch. Ages 10-14. \$30 R/\$35 NR. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. **CC**

**4 Election Day** City Hall is closed. Recycling and refuse will be collected as usual. See the article on page 1.

**6 Veterans USO Appreciation** Featuring Andrea, “Seniorita Sunshine,” in a tribute to our veterans – warming hearts with song, dance and laughter. Light refreshments will be served. 1:30-3 p.m. Course #48279. FREE R/MEM/\$5NR. **SR**

**6 Commercial Energy Benchmarking Introductory Forum** A free introduction to new Montgomery County energy benchmarking legislation which requires owners of certain non-residential buildings to benchmark and report energy usage. 8-10 a.m. See article on page 5. **FSF**

**8 Kidical Mass Tweed & Fleece Family Bike Ride** Kidical Mass, a nationwide movement to get kids and their families out on bikes, holds a joint ride of the Rockville and Gaithersburg groups beginning in Lakelands in Gaithersburg and ending at Falls-grove in Rockville. The free rides use a combination of shared use trails, bike lanes, and residential streets and progress at the pace of the slowest rider. Riders are encouraged to dress in tweed or other old-fashioned (and warm) clothes. Lakelands Park, 1368 Main Street, Gaithersburg. 10 a.m.-noon.

**8 Croydon Creek Campfire: Crepuscular Creatures** Animals that are active at dawn and dusk are known as crepus-

cular animals. Learn more about these twilight-loving creatures and maybe even see one or two. Children must be accompanied by an adult. All participants must register in advance. \$5 R/\$6 NR. 7-8 p.m. **CC**

**11 Veteran’s Day** City Hall is closed. Recycling and refuse will be collected as usual. See the article on page 1.

**11 Veterans Day Ceremony** Join Rockville’s Mayor and Council at this annual ceremony honoring those who have served in the nation’s armed forces. American Legion Post 86 will lead the wreath laying ceremony and their honor guard will present a 21 gun salute. Veterans Park, at the corner of routes 355 and 28. 11 a.m.

**14 Community International Night** Share and learn about cultures represented in our neighborhoods. Featuring costumes, special performances, informational tables and food samples. Free. Lincoln Park Community Center 5-9 p.m.

**15 Off-Leash Training** Dogs must have a current Rockville dog license in order to take the test. Dogs and owners must be recertified each year. Registration is required. Call 240-314-8937. Cost is \$5 per dog. Learn more at [www.rockvillemd.gov/offleash](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/offleash). Rockville Swim and Fitness Center. 10-11 a.m.

**15 Nature Tots: Nature Senses** A naturalist will help you and your child explore the topic through nature play, crafts, stories and hikes. Dress for the weather. Adult participation is required. Pre-registration strongly recommended. \$8 R/\$10 NR. Register for course #48798. 10-11:30 a.m. **CC**

**16 Family Ramble: Forest** Get to know the forest by looking under logs, searching for forest critters and taking a close-up look at trees. Ages 1 and up. \$3 R/\$5 NR. 1:30-2:30 p.m. **CC**

**21 2nd Annual Senior Turkey Trot** Keep fit and feed others – Join staff and trot (walk) a mile

through the Woodley Gardens community (second mile is optional). Bring canned goods to donate to Manna Food Bank. Course #48126 Meet 10 a.m. in aerobic room. FREE. **SR**

**22 Saturday Story & Hike** A naturalist will read a story and lead a hike based on the story. Dress for the weather. Adult participation is required. \$4 R/\$6 NR. 10-11 a.m. **CC**

**22 Star Party** Discover objects easily visible in the night sky, look through telescopes with an astronomer and enjoy a campfire treat. All participants must register. This program is dependent on good weather and clear skies. \$7 R/\$9 NR. 6-7 p.m. **CC**

**22 “We’ve Done Rockville... We’re Goin’ to Broadway” presented by The Heart of Maryland Chorus of Sweet Adelines International** Enjoy a musical celebration of Broadway favorites. 1-3 p.m. See article on page 6. **FSF**

**22 Washington Balalika Society Fall Performance** Featuring soloist Olga Orlovskaya 8-10 p.m. See article on page 6. **FSF**

**27-28 Thanksgiving** City Hall is closed. See the article on page 1 for recycling and refuse collection information.

**28 Zumba Thanksgiving Burn-Off** Eat too much turkey on Thanksgiving? This Latin-inspired exercise in disguise, taught by a licensed instructor, burns calories in a fun festive atmosphere. Thomas Farm Community Center. 10:15-11:15 a.m. Course #48269.

**29 “A Christmas Carol” presented by Hope Garden Children’s Ballet Theatre** Experience the story of the world’s favorite humbug through movement and emotion in this original ballet interpretation of Charles Dickens’ timeless classic danced to the music of Claude Debussy. 1:30-2:30 p.m. See article on page 6. **FSF**

## Boards and Commissions

Meetings are held at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., unless otherwise noted. Please check the City website for the latest on cancellations, rescheduling and contact information at [www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions).

**5 Rockville Bicycle Advisory Commission** 7 p.m. Meets the first Wednesday of the month.

**6 Environment Commission** 7:30 p.m. Meets the first Thursday of the month.

**8 Board of Appeals** 9 a.m. Meets the second Saturday of the month and are televised on Rockville 11.

**11 Human Services Advisory Commission** 7:30 p.m. Meets the second Tuesday of the month.

**12 Planning Commission** 7 p.m. Meets the second and fourth Wednesday of the month and are televised on Rockville 11. Does not meet Nov. 26.

**19 Rockville Housing Enterprises** 6:30 p.m. Meets the third Wednesday of the month at David Scull Courts Community Center, 1201 First St.

**19 Cultural Arts Commission** 7 p.m.

**20 Historic District Commission** 7:30 p.m. Meets the third Thursday of the month.

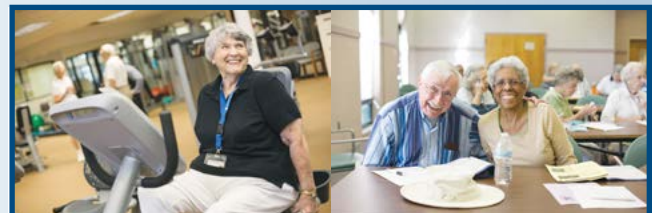
**21 Retirement Board** 9 a.m. Meets quarterly.

**25 Traffic and Transportation Commission** 7:30 p.m. Meets the fourth Tuesday of the month.

## Vacancies

To learn more about any board or commission, call the City Clerk’s office at 240-314-8280 or visit [www.rockvillemd.gov](http://www.rockvillemd.gov). The City is seeking applicants for:

- Cultural Arts Commission (3)
- Environment Commission (1)
- Historic District Commission (1)
- Human Rights Commission (3)
- Human Services Advisory Commission (3)
- Landlord Tenant Affairs Commission (2)
- Personnel Appeals Board (3)
- Recreation and Parks Advisory Board (1)
- Rockville Recreation and Parks Foundation, Inc. (1)
- Rockville Housing Enterprises (1)
- Rockville Sister City Corp. (1)
- Senior Citizens Commission (2)



## ROCKVILLE IS A GREAT PLACE TO BE A SENIOR

### Stop by the senior center for:

- recreation, education, fitness programs
- counseling services
- home maintenance and repair help
- transportation to local destinations
- daily lunch program
- special events

### Center Hours of Operation:

M-F, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat., 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.; Fitness Room: M-F, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sat. 7 a.m.-3 p.m. 1150 Carnation Drive, Rockville

[www.rockvillemd.gov/seniorcenter](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/seniorcenter) • 240-314-8800

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## Matricúlese en una Mini Sesión de Recreación para Mantenerse Saludable Durante las Vacaciones

¿Está usted buscando un compromiso a corto plazo para mantenerse en forma esta temporada de vacaciones? Tome en cuenta las mini sesiones que ofrece Rockville para gente de todas las edades.

Los aficionados de la Yoga disfrutarán de Yoga relajadora para las Vacaciones, Yoga para Niños o Yoga-lates con pelota para adultos mayores. Los adultos mayores cuentan con una variedad de opciones de mini sesiones en el Centro para Adultos Mayores de Rockville, incluyendo entrenamiento de fuerza, Tai Chi Chuan- para principiantes, Ejercicio de Silla y demás.

Las personas mayores de 16 años se pueden inscribir en las actividades para estar en forma “20/20/20 Fitness” y “Total Body

Blast”, los cuales empiezan en las semanas del 24 de nov (20/20/20) y 8 de dic (Total Body). “Power Sculpt” y “Circuit Step” están abiertas para los mayores de 15 años y comienzan en la semana del 1o de diciembre.

La opción de asistir a una sesión sin haberse matriculado previamente, que ofrece el Rockville Swim and Fitness Center (Centro de Natación y Gimnasio), le brinda la oportunidad de hacer ejercicio una o dos veces, a precios razonables, sin tener que matricularse en una sesión completa. Las sesiones de ejercicios fuera del agua que empezaron el 25 de octubre duran hasta el 19 de diciembre. Las clases en el agua que empezaron el 2 de septiembre duran hasta el 19 de diciembre. Visite [www.rockvillemd.gov/](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/)

[swimcenter](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/swimcenter) para ver el programa completo.

Para Contrarrestar las indulgencias del día de Acción de Gracias de este año inscribise en el programa de Zumba “Thanksgiving Burn Off” el viernes 28 de noviembre de 10:15-11:15 a.m. en el centro comunitario Thomas Farm (abierto para personas de 16 años o más).

La matrícula para estos programas se encuentra abierta ahora. Puede hallar los detalles y los números de los cursos en la Guía de Recreación de Otoño en [www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation/guide](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation/guide) (hay copias impresas en los centros de recreación de Rockville y en el Ayuntamiento). Matricúlese a través de [rockenroll.rockvillemd.gov](http://rockenroll.rockvillemd.gov) o en persona en el ayuntamiento,

111 Maryland Ave., o en los centros de recreación de Rockville.

Si usted tiene en mente ponerse en forma, como promesa de año nuevo, revise la Guía de Recreación de Invierno que estará en línea en el enlace anterior el jueves 13 de noviembre y que estará disponible en el Ayuntamiento y en los centros de recreación, a mediados del mes. La matrícula para los programas que empiezan el 5 de enero se abre el jueves 9 de diciembre (o 4 de diciembre para los miembros de los centros de natación y centros para adultos mayores)

Entérese de más en [www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation) o llamando al 240-314-8620. ❖





### Fall Leaf Collection Continues in November

City crews will continue to vacuum leaves from neighborhood curbs this November and December.

Residents should rake leaves into the gutter or immediately adjacent to the pavement if no curb or gutter exists. Leaves can be raked anytime immediately before collection week.

**DO:** Place leaves at the curb by 6 a.m. on the collection dates. Sticks and all other objects must be removed from the leaf piles.

**DO:** Use alternative methods for disposing of leaves such as mulching or composting. This saves collection and disposal costs.

**DO NOT:** Use plastic bags. Biodegradable paper lawn bags are acceptable.

**DO NOT:** Dump leaves, grass clippings or other yard waste into storm drains, along stream banks or directly into streams.

After fall collection dates, leaves may still be set out in paper lawn bags or 32-gallon trash cans with yard waste on your regular collection day.

Visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/leafcollection](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/leafcollection) for an interactive map that allows residents to input their address to learn when leaves will be collected in their neighborhood.

### Plan to Donate Outerwear to City's Coat Drive this Winter

As cold weather sets in, consider setting aside excellent-condition used or new coats to donate to Rockville's annual coat drive, which will collect coats in early January.

Rockville's drive, which typically collects several hundred coats, will benefit families in need in Montgomery County.

Coats (any size) will be collected at City facilities from Friday, Jan. 2 through Thursday, Jan. 8 at one of the following locations:

- Lincoln Park Community Center, 357 Frederick Ave.
- Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave.
- Rockville Police Station, 2 W. Montgomery Ave.
- Rockville Swim and Fitness Center, 355 Martin's Ln.
- Thomas Farm Community Center, 700 Falls Grove Dr.
- Twinbrook Community Recreation Center, 12920 Twinbrook Pkwy.

Lincoln Park Community Center (LPCC) is organizing the drive in partnership with Burlington Coat Factory and the nonprofit One Warm Coat.

If your company or organization would like to support the coat drive either with donated coats or a financial contribution, contact Yvette Yeboah, LPCC supervisor, at [yyeboah@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:yyeboah@rockvillemd.gov) or 240-314-8783.

### Corrections

An article on solar homes, "Rockville Home Highlight Renewable Energy," in the October "Rockville Reports" listed an incorrect house number for one of the three Rockville homes featured on the Metropolitan Washington, DC Tour of Solar and Green Homes. The correct address is 1108 Parrish Drive.

An article on the Rockville Pike draft plan, "Rockville Pike Through The Years," stated that the Rockville Metro station opened before the Twinbrook station. In fact, the Rockville, Shady Grove, Twinbrook and White Flint stations all opened on Dec. 15, 1984.

"Rockville Reports" regrets the errors and thanks readers for bringing them to our attention.

# Neighborhood Notes

## Meet Your Neighbor: Sima Osdoby

At a young age, Sima Osdoby got a taste for civic engagement by helping with a friend's parent's political campaign in her hometown of Woodridge, N.Y.

Today, Osdoby is a consultant on civil society development, non-profit strengthening, civic engagement, political strategy, elections and democratic institution building. Her work has taken her to countries near and far as she has observed elections. She says her work overseas highlights for her how the contributions of people of varying backgrounds help to identify and solve problems, innovate, create and thrive. And she sees that in her experiences in Rockville as well.

"They bring valuable and fresh insight, energy, endurance, and can call upon history and tradition that renews our store of optimism, prag-



**Sima Osdoby served as an election observer in Ukraine in 2012. She and her husband, Arthur Katz, have lived in Rockville since 1980.**

matism, and can-do attitude," Osdoby said.

Osdoby moved to Rockville with her husband in 1980, specifically because it was an incorporated municipality and had its own government. They raised their twin

daughters at a home in New Mark Commons, which they now share with a collie named Finney.

Her civic activities in Rockville have included serving on a variety of task forces and commissions, helping start the F.

Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference, and serving as board president and interim executive director at Peerless Rockville Historic Preservation.

Osdoby said one of Rockville's greatest attributes is that it has attracted residents from all over the world. She appreciates hearing different languages spoken in the check-out line at local stores, and patronizing the diverse food stores and restaurants in Rockville.

"We should be celebrating the differences which are the bedrock of our culture," Osdoby said. ✦

*Meet Your Neighbor is a regular feature in Rockville Reports and on Rockville 11 highlighting the unique individuals that make our community a special place. To suggest someone for a future episode and article, email [meetyourneighbor@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:meetyourneighbor@rockvillemd.gov).*

## Mayor and Council Honor Four 'Good Neighbors'

*Awards Recognize Good Deeds and Community Service*

The Mayor and Council presented Rockville's annual Good Neighbor awards on Monday, Oct. 20.

The awards honor members of the community who have made exceptional contributions to preserve and improve the quality of life in their neighborhood through good deeds or acts of service.

This year's honorees were:

- **Nancy Keefe:** Nominated by an anonymous neighbor, Keefe serves on several committees for the Fallsmead Homes Corp. Board, is a block captain and volunteers at swim meets, July Fourth festivities, park cleanups and more. "Her focus is always on the neighborhood children, helping them feel cared for and good about themselves with her friendliness and kindness," the neighbor said in nominating Keefe.
- **Fred Newton:** Fred Newton was nominated by Maude Kilgo, who said



**(L to R) Smith, Wallenmeyer, Keefe and Newton.**

Newton shovels snow from her sidewalks each winter. "Before the snow stops falling, Fred is outside my home shoveling snow to prevent any buildup," Kilgo said. "He is always very professional, very attentive and has always gone above and beyond to ensure the job is complete."

- **Jonathan Smith:** Nominated by Tricia Kassiday, Smith is the moderator for the New Mark Commons community online bulletin board, coordinating the migration to a new Web platform. "He also is very active at provoking online discussions, and sharing com-

munity information, which has successfully brought our community even closer together," Kassiday said. Smith also has organized several well-attended communitywide "game day" events.

- **Ida Wallenmeyer:** Wallenmeyer was nominated by Rose Sharkey and Patty Neame for her efforts to recruit volunteers and maintain Dr. Stonestreet's Medicinal Garden on the grounds of the Beall-Dawson House. "Ida demonstrates a determination to beautify the city for all to enjoy," Sharkey and Neame said.

Good Neighbor award nominations are accepted throughout the year and are awarded in the fall.

Learn more about the awards at [www.rockvillemd.gov/goodneighbor](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/goodneighbor) or contact Rocio Snowdy, neighborhood resources coordinator, at 240-314-8345 or [rsnowdy@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:rsnowdy@rockvillemd.gov). ✦



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